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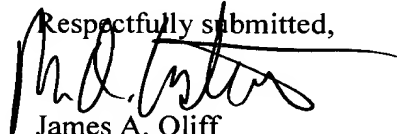
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference JP A 11-296540 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 8 sheets) are attached.
 - ☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
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- ☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 2001-118289 filed April 17, 2001 in Japan and No. 2000-220241 filed July 21, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
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